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## Regents mull over proposal for fine arts

Discussion also heated during  
discussions on possible merger

By RILEY HUSKEY  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With all say "I's" and "neighs" and "whoas," the Board of Regents meeting began Wednesday. The two main topics for discussion: the fine arts addition and the UM system merger.

An estimated \$2 million addition to the Charles Johnson Fine Arts building was finally discussed today with a board full of concerned looks and awkward pauses.

Project Fine Arts could be done in the summer of 2005 if the board can find a way to budget the huge project. The addition would be a one-floor triangular building set directly southeast of the Fine Arts building and would house the University's pottery, ceramic and welding classes.

Currently located in the pit, or basement, of the Fine Arts building, the kilns are actually in violation of EPA standards. Return air comes in from the basement, where smoke from the kilns and welding circulate to all of the rooms upstairs. In addition to that, these are both fire hazards as well.

After 15 minutes of discussion, the board pressed on to the bigger issue: Northwest's proposed merger with the University of Missouri system.

"This is a huge move, no questions about it," Northwest President Dean Hubbard said. "And

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## Celebrate good times...



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

New Sigma Kappa sorority members celebrate with Gamma Chis after gaining a bid into the sorority Tuesday. Bid Day wrapped up the week-long pledge process.

*"I wish there would be a way that Mr. Rogers could be put to death the way he put Branson to death. To me, a shot is too easy."*



PHOTO BY ABBY SIMONS/MANAGING EDITOR

Two years after the disappearance of her grandson Branson Perry, the once-yellow ribbons tied to the trees of her Skidmore home have long since faded to white. "I can still picture him riding his bike up that driveway," she said.

## Questions remain; acceptance sinks in

By ABBY SIMONS  
MANAGING EDITOR

In the five months since a major break in the case of missing Skidmore resident Branson Perry, paperwork continues to mount.

So does the strain on investigators in pursuit of concrete answers to the 20-year-old's suspected homicide.

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## Concorde has contract for restaurant

Applebee's likely to hit town  
by start of spring trimester

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW  
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Maryville residents will be "eatin' good in the neighborhood" by the first of the year.

According to Keith Arnold, vice president of Security Rentals, a piece of land directly south of Comfort Inn has been sold to the Applebee's franchise. Although finalized contracts and paperwork have yet to be finished, Arnold is certain that the "neighborhood bar and grill" is on its way.

"Part of the sale of the land included that we were responsible for site preparation," Arnold said. "Now, we have the authorization to break ground, and we'll be doing so as early as next week."

A definite timetable has yet to be announced for the rest of the steps in the building process.

According to Arnold, a building contractor has yet to be named, but he predicts the process will move along quickly once the key players are in place.

Currently, Arnold is receiving information through Concorde Hospitality, the company that is responsible for purchasing properties and taking care of legal work.

"[Concorde] really isn't able to give us definite information right now because they are still working with us and the franchise," Arnold said. "They probably won't even get back to us until everything is done. Then, they'll be more willing to talk."

Lisa Luke, executive director of the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce, has also been faced with questions of her own regarding the new business. Luke said she has heard that it is coming into town, but the Chamber has yet to get involved with the process.

The Chamber is responsible for helping new businesses by providing them with support and advertising.

"We've heard the rumors, too, and it does appear to be true," Luke said. "We hope they'll just contact us when they do get to town."

Northwest is also getting in on the action by providing decorators with memorabilia that will be included on the walls of Applebee's.

According to Mitzi Lutz, director of information and marketing, two women from Artifactory, a creative decor business in Lincoln, Neb., contacted her and asked her to send Northwest artifacts to them as soon as possible.

"They called in early August, so we sent them two boxes filled with things from both academic and athletic aspects of Northwest," Lutz said. "A football helmet, basketball jersey, Northwest mouse pad and 50 copies of different photos were all included."

According to Lutz, Artifactory is hired by the Applebee's franchise and given 90 days to complete a display and have it up on the walls ready for the opening day.

Matt Schulte, son of Artifactory owner Deb Schulte, verified that they were asked to begin the Maryville project a month ago and will have it ready in two months for the tentative date of opening.

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## WHERE DO YOU DRAW THE LINE?: THE DEMAND TO SUCCEED AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL BRINGS CONSEQUENCES, HARMFUL ACTIONS

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER  
CHIEF REPORTER

On a hot July day in Waco, Texas, college athletics changed. Everything changed.

And when former Baylor University basketball player Carlton Dotson was indicted for the slaying of teammate and roommate Patrick Dennehy, everyone was left wondering: "Is this what college athletics have come to?"

Northwest athletic director Bob Boerigter was one of those people.

"I wish we wouldn't have to have this discussion," Boerigter said.

Closer to home, University of Missouri-Columbia's basketball program has also been under scrutiny. Allega-

tions claim former point guard Ricky Clemons received cash and clothing and cheated on exams while attending Missouri.

Over the last five years, various universities have been under scrutiny for NCAA violations, lack of discipline for coaches and athletes, or, in Baylor's case, murder.

So, consequently, the question has to be asked: Where do you draw the line between wanting to win and cheating to win?

"It's not quite as black and white as people would say," Boerigter said. "That's what makes it very, very difficult to uncover."

During his tenure at Northwest, Boerigter said his department tries to

sniff out violations.

"In a number of meetings that I've been at here at Northwest, we often say, 'Does this pass the straight face test?'" Boerigter said. "Obviously, if it doesn't pass the straight face test, then you shouldn't be doing it."

Baylor's program is forced to start over

The athletic department at Baylor may have needed a "straight face test" at one point. But as the events unfolded, so did the staff as athletic director Tom Stanton and head basketball coach Dave Bliss both resigned.

Once Dennehy's body was discovered in a small field in Waco on July 25, Bliss's name began to surface. As a result, the NCAA is investigating the

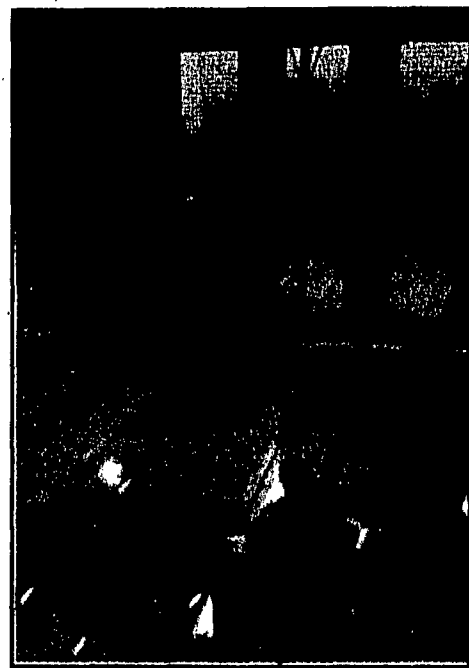
program, citing illicit payment of players' tuition.

"The bad thing about all of this for me is that what happened at Baylor has shed a light over all college athletics, whether it be a Division I program, a Division II program or a Division III program," Boerigter said. "Everyone is looking at each other's programs, asking, 'What's going on over there?'"

MU scandal hits home for Boerigter

As Clemons' name streamed across ESPN last Spring, Boerigter was leery. It was not because of the charges his ex-girlfriend filed, but because of his background.

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As athletics get more and more competitive, schools are facing the question of where to draw the line between wanting to win and cheating to win.

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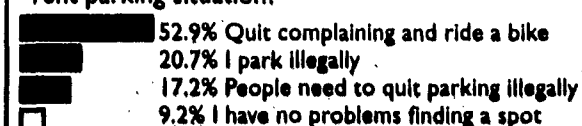
For up-to-the-minute results and pictures, tune in to Missouriianonline.com after the game Saturday. Be the first to read what the players and coaches have to say.

### Coming soon:

The redesigned Buzz will be unveiled within the coming week. Be sure to check Missouriianonline.com and see the new site as soon as it goes live.

### Last week's poll:

What do you think about the current parking situation?



### Online poll:

How do you feel about the redesign of Missouriianonline.com?

- It's awesome. I didn't think I was at the right site.
- There's a Web site?
- I like the old design better.
- You should redesign it again.

# Horace Mann revamps teaching tools

## Handheld devices reintroduce third-graders to technology

By STEPHANIE STANGL  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Despite the fact that a good majority of the world does not own one, two weeks ago, each student in Amy Vorderbruegge's third grade class was equipped with a \$270 Palm Pilot.

The project to place a Palm Pilot in each of her student's hands was Vorderbruegge's idea. Vorderbruegge and Horace Mann's principal Rebecca Belcher sought funds from North-

west to purchase 24 Palm Pilots.

"It was truly my interest," Vorderbruegge said.

"I wanted more infusion of technology in my classroom."

The Palm Pilots offer an extensive list

of activities for the students. Students can utilize the notepad to write or use free downloaded software to make anything from a

food chain to a diagram of the parts of a plant.

With Palm Pilots, students can reap the traditional benefits of computers, such as improving typing skills and developing knowledge of research processes, as well as picking up a few new tricks.

Students are learning a new language called "Graffiti," which are the symbols drawn on the Palm Pilot screen that translate to

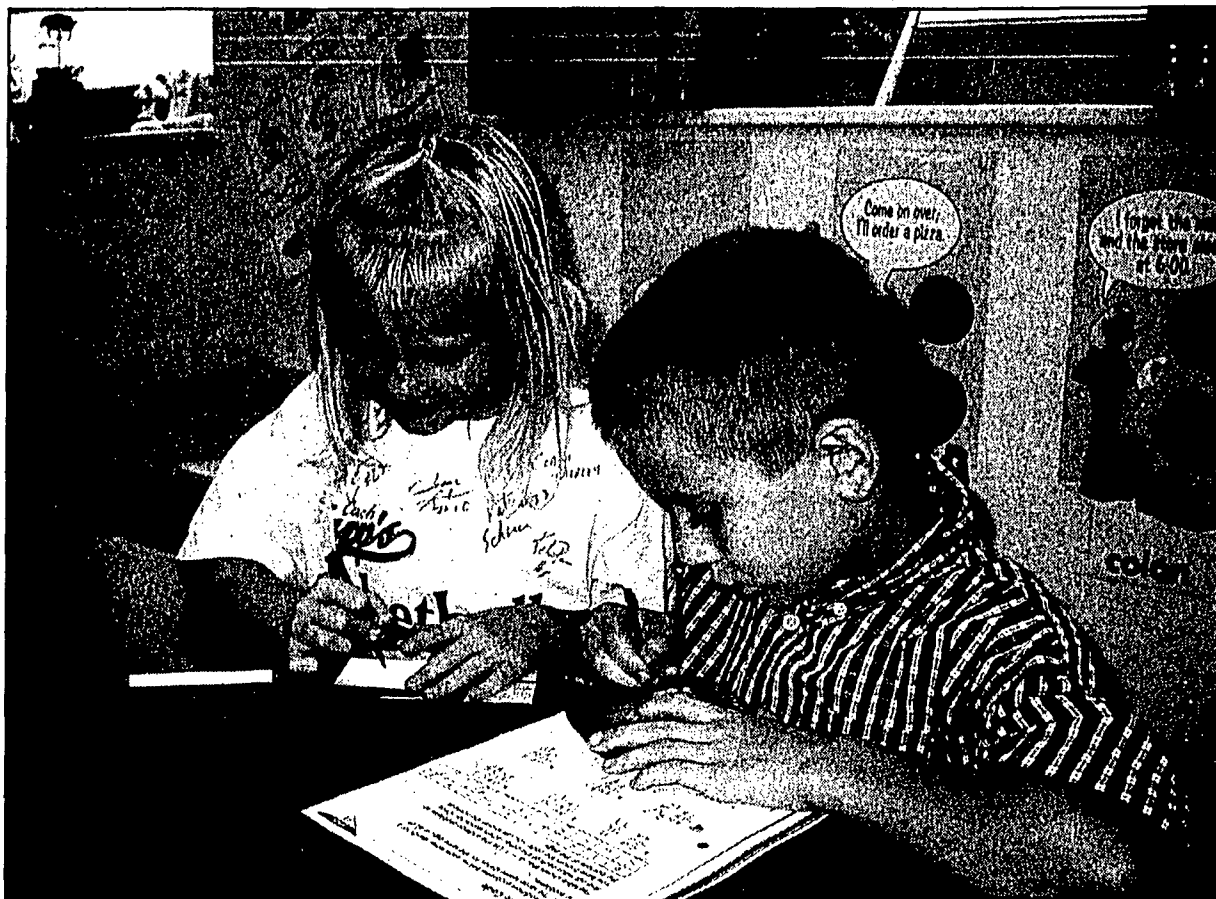
text. Because Graffiti mimics drawing and is more entertaining, most students use this system as opposed to keyboards, which are also available.

The children used the Palm Pi-

lots to write their parents letters the first week of school at Parents' Night. With a chuckle, Vorderbruegge noted that when the parents were asked to write

*"What I have seen is motivation. The students are more motivated to do things when I say we are going to use Palms."*

AMY VORDERBRUEGGE  
HORACE MANN THIRD  
GRADE TEACHER



Third-graders Megan Shell and Steven Boylan work together on a science problem using new Palm Pilots in Amy Vorderbruegge's class. The students were issued the \$270 M-515 models at the start of the school year.

reply letters, a majority had no idea how to begin.

Both the children and the parents signed an agreement before the Palm Pilots were issued. If they are lost, damaged, or stolen, the student's family is responsible for all costs incurred.

With technology changing daily, it is hard to tell this early in the pro-

gram if this will be feasible in years to come. The M-515 models that the students are currently using have already been surpassed technologically.

According to Vorderbruegge, the greatest reward of having these in class is not something that can be graded.

"What I have seen is motivation,"

Vorderbruegge said. "The students are more motivated to do things when I say we are going to use Palms."

She went on to say that students actually run in and look around for the Palm Pilots on their desks in the morning and request to use them as often as possible.

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## Principal starts anew at campus elementary school

By JANEA PHILIP  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After changes in education leadership, Horace Mann welcomes new director Dr. Rebecca Belcher.

Carole Edmonds directed Horace Mann for over seven years and has now taken another position as director of field experiences.

"It was a time in my career that I needed to make a career change," said Edmonds. After being a principal for more than 17 years, Edmonds now manages the placement of student teachers and student interns in schools.

Edmonds worked with Rebecca Belcher to help her make the transition into Horace Mann.

"She is very eager to become acquainted with day-to-day activities at Horace Mann," said Edmonds.

Dr. Belcher has over 20 years of experience in public school education. She has established, founded and directed a private school for children in a gospel singing group that traveled throughout the United States and Canada. She also was a principal at a public school in New Mexico. After teaching four years at Lincoln University in Jefferson City she applied for the position at Horace Mann.



After careers working with both elementary and college-aged students, Horace Mann principal Rebecca Belcher's experience has proven her a success in the position.

"To be able to work with college students as well as elementary-aged children was kind of a blending of both parts of my career," Belcher said.

Belcher has worked in both settings and is looking forward to the Horace Mann

environment mixed with college and elementary students.

"So far it has been very exciting; the teachers are wonderful and the students are great," Belcher said. "I think it is going to be a great year."

## UNIVERSITY NEWS BRIEFS

### Comedian set to take stage at Charles Johnson Theater

Northwest's Spotlight program will feature a comedy show starring Daniel Tosh and Kivi Rogers. The performance will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Charles Johnson Theater.

Tosh has performed at the Chicago Comedy Festival twice and appeared on E! Network, VH-1 and Comedy Central Presents. Rogers has appeared on "The Tonight Show" and "Dharma & Greg." Tickets are \$3 at the door or at the Student Services Center.

### Premier tickets to Rickenbrode sold out

Northwest has sold out all of the priority seats for the 2003 season, the athletic department announced this week.

All 160 indoor seats for the 10 private suites are sold out as well as the 24 seats in the stadium club. In addition, all 307 outdoor chairback and 180 railback seats are sold out.

The 307 chairback seats offer a little more elbow room, at 19.25 inches apart.

## Tournament sponsors expect hundreds of golfers

By GINNY FRANCIS  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Efforts continue to honor the former Northwest president who helped establish KXCV, the National Public Radio affiliate, by sponsoring its 15th annual Bob Foster Golf Tournament tomorrow.

Nearly one hundred golfers registered to participate in the 18-hole tournament.

"I think the participation is so high because people believe

in public radio," said Gayle Hull, coordinator of the tournament.

Local sponsors donated Chiefs tickets, passes to the new Maryville Community Center as well as a weekend golf getaway in Florida to the winners of various contests held throughout the tournament.

An auction will also take place at the tournament to help raise funds for KXCV.

"Since public radio is listener-

supported, we have to raise funds on our own and this is one of our means of doing that," said Hull.

Head football coach Mel Tjeerdman and Northwest alum, Bill Oellerman are the two guest speakers for the dinner and awards ceremony.

"We want people to come and have a good time," said Sharon Bonnett, KXCV station manager. "This tournament is our ongoing way to honor Dr. Foster's contribution to public radio."

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## University Events

Thurs. 11 ■ Patriot Day  
■ Tower Yearbook Photos, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Student Union

Fri. 12 ■ Bob Foster/KXCV 'Putt'n on the Ritz' Golf Classic, 1 p.m., Mazingo Lake golf course  
■ Tower Yearbook Photos, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Student Union

Sat. 13 ■ Bearcat Zone Tailgate party, 11 a.m., Alumni House  
■ Stadium Dedication, 1 p.m., Rickenbrode Stadium

Sun. 14 ■ No events

■ Tower yearbook photos (groups) 7-9 p.m.

Tues. 16 ■ Exploring majors, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Union ballroom

■ College Farm Bureau barbecue, open to the public, 6:30 p.m., College Park

■ Daniel Tosh Comedy, 7 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre

■ Independence Day (Mexico)

■ Tower Yearbook photos, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Student Union

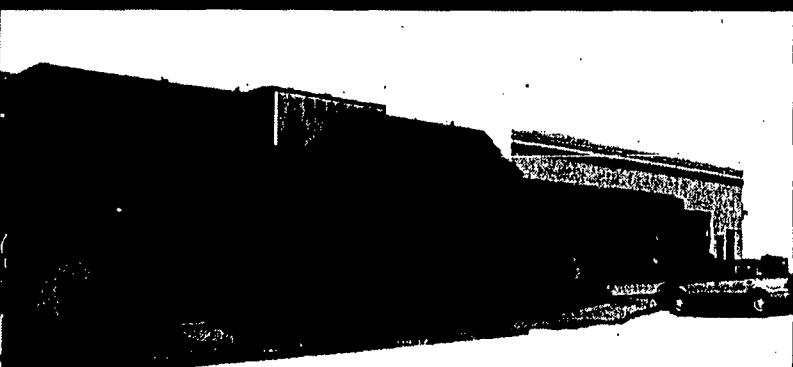
Wed. 17 ■ Citizenship Day  
■ Interview and resume tips, 6 p.m., Union meeting room E.

■ Tower Yearbook photos for seniors and undergraduates, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Union

■ Tower Yearbook group photos, 7-9 p.m.

■ Intramural flag football officials meeting, 3:30 p.m., Martindale 102

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## Senator secures airport funding

By SARAH SWEDBERG  
CHIEF REPORTER

A Missouri senator secured more than half a million dollars of federal appropriations for the City of Maryville's economic development project.

Last Thursday, Senator Kit Bond succeeded in getting approval from the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee for \$89 million in federal funding for numerous high-priority Missouri projects and needs.

The City of Maryville will receive \$600,000 for its economic development project. The economic development project includes the expansion of the Maryville Memorial Airport. Soon, Maryville Memorial Airport will become the Northwest Missouri Regional Airport of Maryville.

According to a Missouri Department of Transportation press release, MoDOT director Henry Hungerbeeler said they are very pleased to be funding these improvement projects for aviation facilities throughout Missouri.

"Airports are important to our smaller communities for travel and economic development," Hungerbeeler said. "This money will allow MoDOT to work with the communities for travel and economic development."

The funding is generated from aviation user fees on airline tickets and from the sale of aviation fuel. However, the funding will not come from general tax revenue, and it will only be used for aviation projects.

Missouri is one of the nine states that currently administers federal aviation funding to the airports across the state under the State Block Grant Program. The \$16 million is the largest grant amount Missouri has received since it began administering the block grant program in 1989.

Currently, legislation must still be approved by the full U.S. Senate and approved by the U.S. House of Representatives before becoming law with the president's signature. The \$89 million earmarked for Missouri will be administered during fiscal year 2004.



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR  
Maryville High School senior Kara Adams, throws a plate of whipped cream in Fred Mares' face for her \$100 contribution to Relay for Life. "I was happy to give the money," Adams said. "I felt bad though, putting the pie in Fred's face, but I have to admit it was fun."

## Survivors plan walk for a cure

By SARAH SWEDBERG  
CHIEF REPORTER

Several ugly queens like Guy Ebersole will put on make up, wigs and women's clothing to walk for a cause during Relay for Life this weekend.

Many participants, like Lisa Smeltzer, the daughter of former Northwest professor Jim Smeltzer, will be walking to honor and remember cancer survivors and victims.

"It's powerful to see everyone together working toward the same goal," Elaine Hale, a Relay for Life participant on First Christian Church's team said.

Thousands of community members and Northwest students will gather for Relay for Life's Stars and Stripes Under the Moonlight at Beal Park. "It's a great way to show that cancer is there, and they're still searching for a cure," Kim Nielson, team captain for Hy-Vee's Relay for Life team said.

Each Relay for Life team will sponsor a different activity, including the ugly queen contest in which Guy Ebersole, another team member from First Christian Church, is participating.

Males from each team will dress up in drag to try to raise money. The drag queen who raises the most money will be crowned in a ceremony Nielson said.

It's interesting to see how creative people can be to raise money," Ebersole said.

Each team will also participate

in a scavenger hunt.

Eula Mares, Relay for Life participant, said the Maryville community always does a good job of raising money for the event, raising more than St. Joseph. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society, but Hale said most of what is collected stays in Nodaway County.

Last year, Maryville raised more than \$75,000 according to Ebersole. The Maryville community raises money for the event by donations from local businesses, community members and family members and friends of each participant.

Hy-Vee has sold paper links to make a chain of life to raise money. They also have had two strawberry pie sales and a dinner to raise money. Community members may also purchase luminaries for \$10 to honor or remember someone who battled with cancer.

A ceremony Saturday evening will display all the luminaries purchased. Last year, 3,500 luminaries shined during the event.

"Everyone tears up during the candlelight ceremony," Nielson said. "It's a great way to remember or honor (cancer survivors and victims)."

Relay for Life participants expect several thousand people to attend the event. Mares, expects 45 to 50 teams of 10 to 15 people to walk and many more to attend the activities scheduled.

"Relay for Life is only second to (Nodaway County) fair," Mares

said.

A speech will be given in honor of cancer survivors Saturday night. Then cancer survivors will walk one lap at Beal Park's parking lot. They will also receive a free Relay for Life T-shirt, cake, punch and a gift. The gift will be a rock that cancer survivors will pass on to people battling with cancer.

A group of girls between the ages of 7 and 12 will perform Saturday night in memory of Carolyn Elswick who recently passed away from cancer Mares said.

Hy-Vee will provide refreshments and food, and Hy-Vee greeter Fred Mares will be the DJ for the event.

Awards and prizes will be given away to the team with the best spirit, best decorated camp site and the team that walks the most laps.

The Relay for Life will culminate in a closing ceremony Sunday morning.

## Runners ready for rubber

By JESSICA SWARTZ  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The arrival of Maryville High School's new track is highly anticipated, but by no one more than girl's track coach Grant Hageman.

"I am definitely excited to get going with this new track," said Hageman. "I'm looking forward to having a high amount of athletes try out."

According to Hageman, the state of the old track limited the amount of meets that were held in Maryville in previous years. He believes that aspect cut down on the number of students that attended the meets and cheered on the athletes and participated in the events.

"Some spots on the track weren't usable," said Hageman. "Most of the girls on last year's team suffered from shin splints, so this rubberized

track is a relief."

Maryville High School student Dana Demott said that her peers experienced problems when running for gym class.

"When the freshmen run the mile every other day, people would get shin splints," Demott said. "There were big holes in it."

Athletic director Tom Adams believes the installation of the new track will help all of the athletic programs.

The surface of the track will have a black rubberized base with a red structural spray, similar to Northwest's track.

The construction is currently going on, and the track is expected to be completed by early November. Herzog and Loch Sand Construction are working together to complete the project.

The track will be open to stu-

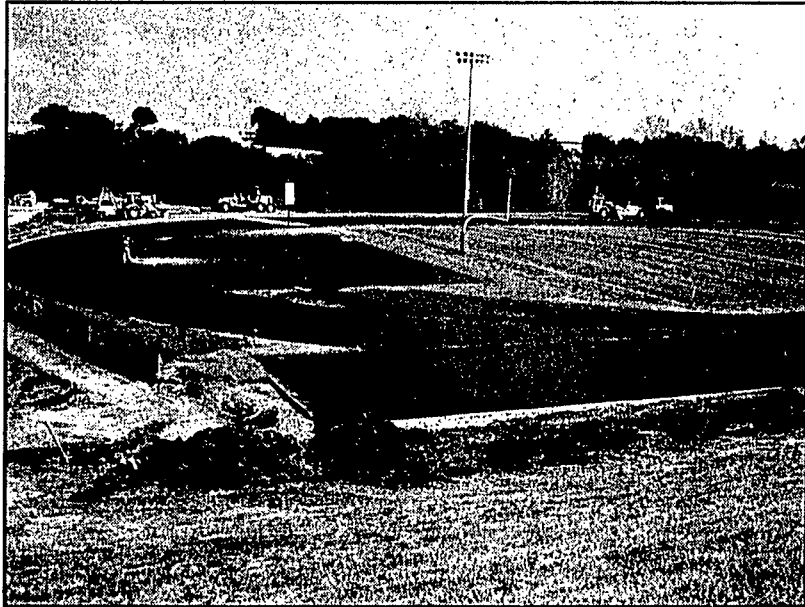


PHOTO BY ABBIE STOLL/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
Construction crews fought the heat last week in order to continue renovations to Maryville High School's track. The new track is expected to be finished by Nov. 1.

dents and the general public once completed. A fence will encircle the new track to safeguard it from the occasional and unfortunate appear-

ance of vandals.

The new track will be funded by Maryville taxpayers after a bond passed earlier this year.

## Re-enactments in Skidmore showcase Civil War era

By CLARK GRELL  
DESIGN EDITOR

Rod Archdekin hit the only home run on the day, but he rounded the bases in an unusual style.

In the late-summer heat, Archdekin swung at the ball wearing wool clothing typical of the 1800s, but he was not the only one.

The St. Joseph native—along with several others from Missouri and surrounding states—showcased life back in the 1800s in an authentic Civil War-era baseball game as well other things such as battle re-enactments at Skidmore's annual Freedom Festival last weekend.

"I really like the romance of the era," Archdekin said. "I'm not what you call a radical for the South or the North, but I do like the era. I like the characteristics of the individuals. I think it's a characteristic that's lacking today."

There was no organization of teams, nor was the number of base runners that tapped home plate kept, but that did not take away the fun of the game, or the competitiveness, for that matter. "Hit it, Joe! Come on Joe. You ain't got it," one of the outfielders yelled to the batter.

"For the Civil War soldiers, 99 percent of the time, it was boredom, and the other one percent was pure fright and actual battles," said Chuck Cortesio,



PHOTO BY NIKI CARDER/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
Kevin Stingleff takes a quick nap between innings as fellow re-enactor Chuck Cortesio watches their team take the field. The two men traveled to Skidmore as members of the 3rd and 10th Missouri Infantry to participate in the Freedom Fest.

who made the trip from Centerville, Iowa, to take part in the re-enactments. "To relieve the boredom, you had to find something to do, and baseball was very popular back then."

This was the first year the Freedom Fest featured re-enactments of the Civil War era.

The festival went on as it has for many years, having veterans speak, a motorcycle show and food vendors. However, to the edge of the section blocked off for the festival were tents set up to represent the living conditions of one of America's most controversial eras.

Those that took part in the re-enactments were of Crowley's 3rd Missouri Infantry, the DSA 21st

Missouri Infantry and the 10th Missouri Infantry. They dressed up as Union and Confederate soldiers and showcased two battles Saturday.

Dressed in wool clothing and everything else from a hat worn into battles to long dresses of the era, the men and women gave a visual and moving picture of what happened more than 100 years ago.

"Most of us do it to show what it was like in that time period," said Sherman Dodd of Liberty. "There are many people who want to see this time period erased, and that's the wrong thing to do."

It's not all about the Freedom Fest in Skidmore either. Most of

the participants will do Civil War re-enactments several times a year. Cortesio said he does re-enactments in nine states every year.

"Seeing the actual reproduction equipment and clothing is impressive," Cortesio said. "The people that come out of their houses come because they want to. They want to see something different."

For others such as Archdekin, who has been doing re-enactments for 14 years, it's a time of coming together with people that share the same trait.

"My favorite part of this is the camaraderie of the people who have similar interests," he said.

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## Community events

Thurs. 11 ■ Nodaway County 4-H council meeting, Extension Center, 7 p.m.  
■ Movie Night, First Christian Church, 6-8 p.m.  
■ Aerobics for Women, First Christian Church, 7-8

Fri. 12 ■ Last day of fall volleyball registration, Park and Recreation office  
■ Confirmation/Acolyte Retreat, St. Paul's

Sat. 13 ■ Relay for Life opening ceremonies, Beal Park, 6 p.m.

Sun. 14 ■ St. Gregory's Fun Fest, 12-4 p.m.

Mon. 15 ■ National Born to be Wild Day

Tues. 16 ■ \*-\*000\* of Commerce Social, Mozingo Lake, Ed Phillips Shelter, 5-7 p.m.

Wed. 17 ■ \*-\*000\* of Citizenship Day  
■ National Apple Dumping Day

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## Our View

### All-Weather Fans

*As the long-awaited day approaches for the home opener of Bearcat football, loyal and sane fans are key for a successful season*

When Northwest gets set to take the field this Saturday, they will do so in a renovated Rickenbrode Stadium, and with an 0-1 record.

If they drop another game to Minnesota State-Mankato University, which *The Missourian* staff highly doubts, we are pleading for the fans to avoid another repeat of the 2001 season when the student section had fewer people than a high school game. The last two games at Rickenbrode, any student could have walked in at kick-off and had their choice of seat because of the 'Cats "poor" record.

They ended up 7-4, poor by Northwest standards, but certainly not anything to cry about.

We may be jumping to conclusions, but at times, the student body has proven to be a fair-weather fan.

Students are always eager to show up and cheer when the 'Cats are beating rival teams, but as soon as a few tallies show up in the "L" column, the students stop coming. The women's basketball team is another perfect example of this trend.

True Bearcat fans will support the team no matter the record.

What's the difference between showing up in the stands already intoxicated or sitting at home watching football on the couch intoxicated? It seems to us that going to the game would be much more fun.

Secondly, if the student section is going to cheer, then that is great, and we personally encourage you to yell as loud as you can. Leave with a hoarse voice. If anything, it will give you an excuse to not have to talk in class until Wednesday.

But do not make the degrading comments. It really does nothing but motivate the other team to play harder, and it makes us look like dumb, uneducated fans, a rap that seems more suitable for our neighbors to the south of us.

There is such a thing as being a great fan without degrading the other team. Some of the greatest, most knowledgeable college fans of all time are also some of the nicest, so you can help the team without degrading the opponent.

If the student body shows up on Saturday, it can do two things to help the Bearcats try and bring home a win. They can cheer as loud as they possibly can, and, most importantly, they can be smart about the way they do it.



## Opening day shows fan 'Red'ication

Warning: This column is designed for the sports enthusiast. Sorry, but the sports section was already filled.

Ahh, Opening Weekend 2003. I love opening day in every sport, and what better way to start the year than at Arrowhead Stadium. That's where I found myself Sunday, taking in my first ever Chiefs game. What an experience. But to see how good of an experience it was, read on:

7 a.m.—Alarm goes off—Uggghhh.

8 a.m.—Get up and eat Eggs—I'm ready to go!

9:05 a.m.—Go into Wal-Mart looking for a Chiefs T-Shirt—Walk out with a Tarkio Indians shirt. Hey, it's red.

9:13 a.m.—Leave the 'Ville—Here we go!

10:13 a.m.—Face Kansas City traffic—Uggghhh.

10:59 a.m.—See a stretch limo heading towards the stadium—Is Priest late?

11 a.m.—Get a look at "the lot"—Wow! You mean these people are all here for the Chiefs game?

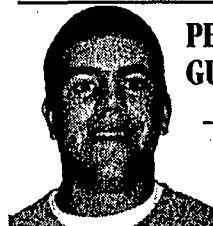
11:50 a.m.—Go into stadium—I've made it!

12:01 p.m.—Three Air Force fighter wings fly by during the anthem—This is the way it's supposed to be.

12:09 p.m.—Priest Holmes scores—It's going to be a good year.

12:19 p.m.—Spot a Marc Boerigter

### Under the 'Scope



**PETE GUTSCHENITTER**  
CHIEF REPORTER

poster—He's made it.

12:22 p.m.—Fan announces, "I have beer money!"—That's nice.

12:24 p.m.—Another fan announces, "I love Eminem!"—Wonderful.

12:38 p.m.—Realize they chant "Good enough for a Chiefs...First Down!"—Copcats.

12:39 p.m.—Fan yells, "Give the ball to Tony (Gonzalez)!"—Okay, just calm down.

12:42 p.m.—Get interrupted by the locals—"Who are you, and why do you have a notepad?" they ask.

Before I get too far into this, I have to tell you: I'm a Nebraskan. So I've done Memorial Stadium in Lincoln. Which one is better, you might ask? Well, let's go to the "Tale of the Tape."

"Sea of Red"—Edge goes to: Nebraska—They don't have any yellow seats.

Tailgating—Edge goes to: Kansas City—I think they invented tailgating. And you can smell the brisket from Interstate 435.

Tunnel Walk—Edge goes to: Nebraska—It will send chills down your spine.

Jumbotron—Edge goes to: Kansas City—I think they started that trend too.

Mascot—Edge goes to: Nebraska—Does it get any better than the original Herbie Husker? Not the new one.

Noise—Edge goes to: Kansas City—When 79,084 put their hands together, it can get loud. See: Priest's first touchdown.

Characters—Edge goes to: Kansas City—They have the "Arrow guy." Nebraska doesn't have a character, aside from the drunken student section.

So when you do the math, Kansas City wins in a nail biter, 4 to 3. But I will say this: Nebraska fans stay to the end of the game. Sunday, Chiefs fans acted like Pittsburgh State fans and left early in the fourth quarter.

But overall, it comes down to the math: Ticket—\$59; Parking—\$18; Lemonade and Polish Sausage—\$9.50; Being in the loudest stadium for the beginning of a Super Bowl run—Priceless. Go Chiefs!

## Run-in with cops proves too friendly

Tight jeans and short shirts are worn to attract college boys, not Maryville Public Safety officers on duty.

At least this was what I assumed until this weekend when I heard a man holler "You girls want to get in our car and play with us?" and then drove away in a Public Safety vehicle with another officer.

Here's how the situation unfolded. My friend Kara and I were walking down an alley back to our friend's house that eventually required us to cross a street. We looked left and saw nothing and then looked right and saw headlights so we stopped.

We waited a minute until we saw the car stop in front of us and heard someone yell, "Go ahead, girls."

We crossed the street and waved to what appeared to be, at first glance in the dark, a friendly Maryville citizen giving the pedestrian the right of way.

As we reached the other side of the street we hear more yells from the vehicle; this time not so polite.

"You girls want to get in our car and play with us?"

We turn around, assuming we'd see a couple of drunk college guys hanging out their window waving, but much to our

### My View



**STEPHANIE SUCKOW**  
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

surprise, we saw two Maryville police officers drive away in a Public Safety vehicle.

We turn to each other with jaws dropped, not knowing what to do next. We looked around and asked the guy who was in front of us if he'd heard the same thing and, sure enough, he started laughing and said, "Dude, those cops just hit on you."

Are you kidding me? We went an entire night and hardly got hit on at all by college guys and then by crossing a street we somehow pick up two unprofessional police officers.

Granted, those comments wouldn't have been appreciated from a couple of drunk college guys either, but they

sure weren't appropriate from two men whose job is to keep the streets free from the violators that they had become to us.

Obviously unable to keep this story to myself, I get home the next day and relay the previous night's events to my neighbors. They're surprised but not shocked because, amazingly enough they had experienced an interesting run-in with the Public Safety department themselves.

Their story was much of the same, filled with inappropriate comments from men who were put into a place of power because they were dedicated to making Maryville a safe environment.

In closing, I want to make it clear that these statements from the Maryville Public Safety this weekend don't equal up to the professionalism that I've witnessed during previous interviews and interactions that I've had with them. I understand that the entire department was not involved with what occurred, which is why I don't want to make any general conclusions. I just felt it was important to make aware what is occurring behind the badges of some Maryville Public Safety officers.

## YOUR VIEW

*What are you looking forward to most for the upcoming football season?*



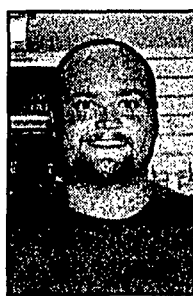
"Having fun and hanging out."  
**Aanye Anderson**  
Psychology



"Being on the sideline. Hopefully, the fans will see the true potential of the team."  
**Danny Boyd**  
Pre-Professional Zoology



"That we're selling pizza by the slice. Increased sales!"  
**Josh Ackman**  
Owner of States Pizza



"Barbecuing with friends and going to the game to see how the team recovers from last week."  
**Matt Elfrits**  
Broadcasting



"I heard Northwest has awesome school spirit, and I'm excited to be a part of it."  
**Megan Fuller**  
Elementary Education



"I'm looking forward to it 'cause I got a lot of school spirit. Go Bearcats!"  
**Travis Bogdon**  
Political Science



"To see Mankato's offense."  
**Andres Johnson**  
Finance



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### Need to vent?

"McDonald's drive-thru workers really need to stop hitting on their college-aged customers. Just gimme my damn change and fries, okay?"

### CORRECTIONS

■ In the Sept. 4 issue of *The Northwest Missourian*, A photograph on page 3A was identified as having been taken by Laura Peterson. The photo was taken by Laura Cady.

■ In the Sept. 7 issue of *The Northwest Missourian*, a photo caption on page 7A listed the team roping time of David Maxwell and Kelly Baret as 12 minutes, 26 seconds. The correct time was 12.26 seconds.

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# Seniors receive national awards for Greek involvement

By RILEY HUSKEY  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Two model Greeks.  
Two unique individuals.  
Seniors Logan Lightfoot and Keri Kemmerer have not only won prestigious awards for their academic achievements and active involvement in Greek life but for their can-do attitudes toward life.

"I have been blessed with amazing people in my life that have shown me so much by the way they approach life," said Logan Lightfoot, the 2003 Phi Sigma Kappa National Man of the Year. "The two most influential people in my life are my mom and dad. They continue to be so much more than parents to me; they're my role models."

Wilma Wilson Sharp Scholarship winner Keri Kemmerer also admires her parents for their continued support and encouragement.

"I wouldn't be as involved here at Northwest if it wasn't for them," Kemmerer said.

Logan Lightfoot served as Phi Sigma Kappa president from 2001 to 2003 and also served in such positions as Executive Secretary, IFC Delegate, and Fund-raising Chairman for the Phi Sig house. Other activities for Lightfoot include Student Ambassador President (2001-2002), Alpha Omega Delta President (2000-2002), Mortar Board, Sigma Tau Delta, and TEAM Leadership Board of Directors.

"God has done some amazing things in my life," Lightfoot said. "He has blessed me with some amazing gifts, and my main drive for success is to use those gifts for Him."

2002-2003 Alpha Sigma Alpha President Keri Kemmerer also has a long list of activities and honors. In addition to serving as the president, she also acted as secretary and file chairperson for the house. Other activities include Mortar Board, Order of Omega, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Omega Soci-

ety, Wind Symphony and Head Start.

"I like the support of others, but I'm pretty self-motivated and independently driven," Kemmerer said. "I've grown up with the phrase, 'It's not only what you can do, but what you can do for others.' And that's pretty much how I live my life."

Lightfoot had some words to live by as well. "My favorite quote," said Lightfoot, "would be, 'Everyone has the same 24 hours in a day—it's how you use those 24 hours that determines how much you succeed.' No matter how much I have on my plate at any particular time, I try to use those 24 hours to their maximum potential."

Both seniors are planning to graduate in December of this year and go on to become teachers. Kemmerer will hopefully be starting in Kansas City as an early developmental elementary teacher, and Lightfoot plans to begin high school English education after graduate school.

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## Several questions still surround Nodaway county's top criminal case

"It's not a forgotten case; in fact, it's our top case," said Ben Espey, Nodaway County Sheriff. "We're working almost daily and still conducting follow-up interviews, and we continue to find new leads. The case just keeps getting bigger."

Formal charges have yet to be filed against chief suspect Jack Wayne Rogers in the disappearance of Perry, who vanished from his Skidmore home April 11, 2001. He currently remains in the Morgan County Jail awaiting Oct. 27 federal trial in Jefferson City for child pornography charges.

While summer searches for Perry's remains yielded no results, Espey said his department, who is assisting the Missouri State Highway Patrol and FBI in the investigation, continues to actively exhaust all leads.

"A body has not been found, and we're now not going any further until we receive more leads on where to look," Espey said. "Our ultimate goal is to get enough information and information that we can get criminal charges filed on this."

Rogers, a 58-year-old former church youth counselor from Fulton, Mo., was named

as a suspect in April when confiscation of his computer revealed chat-room conversations that graphically detailed Perry's kidnapping, torture and murder at a secluded area near the Ozarks. Within the conversations, Rogers also wrote of having seen pleas for Perry's safe return on the Internet and at a Skidmore gas station. He then boasted that authorities would never find Perry because he had "disposed of the body in such a way that it would never be found." Authorities have not dismissed the claims as fantasy because the comments made in the online chat "reference several facts that would only be known by Jack Rogers through direct contact with Branson Perry," according to investigative affidavits.

Within the chat, Rogers also alluded to the torture and slaying of numerous other male victims ranging in age from early teens to mid-40s. Espey confirmed that the possibility of multiple murders is plausible and is also under active investigation.

Sgt. David Merrill, highway patrol criminal investigator for the Division of Drug and Crime Control and lead investigator for the case, said that, if charges are filed, the trial could take place in Nodaway County, where Perry was last seen alive, or, if sufficient evidence is found, in central Missouri.

"It could be in several different places," Merrill said. "It could be anywhere that any part of the crime is found to be committed, or if that's not determined, where he lived."

Last spring's break in the bizarre case came unexpectedly for law enforcement, who had previously linked Perry's disappearance to alleged involvement with the local drug trade. It's also brought a degree of acceptance to those closest to the shy, natural athlete who dreamed of one day joining the Army.

"We had always had ideas of what had happened to him, but it was way off from this," said Joann Stinnett, Perry's grandmother. "We just didn't dream of somebody ever doing something like this."

Stinnett, who was among the last to see Perry before his disappearance, initially contacted authorities after not seeing or hearing from her grandson for two days. Immediately suspecting foul play, she tied yellow ribbons around the trees at her Skidmore home in hopes of his return. The ribbons—and her hope—have long since faded, but the pain hasn't.

"They say time heals everything, but you just get to thinking about it and talking about it, and it's just like yesterday," she said, fighting back tears. "I wish there would be a way that Mr. Rogers could be put to death the way he put Branson to death. To me, a shot is too easy. That's nothing."

Stinnett's pain is among the main motivations in the search for closure in a perplexing case, Espey said.

"It'd be nice to put an end to this, not only for us, but for his family," he said. "When it's all done, it will be unbelievable. That's how big this case is."

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## Merger still tops on minds of Regents

when you get to the level of discussion we're at, the devil is always in the details."

Hubbard had an interesting simile on the subject.

"It's like a marriage," he said. "You have to stand back at the end of the day and put all the pieces together."

A lot of the discussion at the Board of Regents meeting revolved around what policies would be put into effect when or if Northwest joined the UM system. One point Hubbard expressed his wish to maintain the uniqueness and culture that Northwest has worked so hard to create.

"We're fine as a stand-alone institution," Hubbard said. "If nothing is going to change, we have no need to worry. I really don't care, honest to goodness. This is the entire board's decision, not mine."

Despite the laid-back atmosphere and a room full of Northwest representatives, tension could be sensed within the board itself.

"Communication is overwhelmingly bad with this board and the UM system," said board member Lydia Hunt. "I personally need more feedback than what I'm receiving, and I have questions that need answers."

Looks of disgust were made and James D. Johnson jumped to Hubbard's defense.

"Dean can't tell you anything if he doesn't know anything," Johnson said. "He can't say anything unless he has concrete answers."

After a moment of rest, Hubbard answered, "I know there are pages full of questions, but they'll take a long time to answer. This merger is by far the largest hurdle Northwest has to jump."

Despite the conflict at this meeting, a survey of faculty members showed that 70 percent are in favor of the merger with 13 percent against and 17 percent undecided.

On October 15th, Hubbard will invite 14 alumni from the UM system to campus for a meeting on specific policies that will go into effect in years to come.

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Student Senate member Jansen Thomas speaks to several members of Senate and others in attendance at the organization's first meeting of the new school year Tuesday. First-year president Emily Dix and the Senate anticipate a year filled with programs and forums for students to attend.

## Dix, Senate anticipate busy year for organization

By BURNEA COTHIRINE  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Student Senate plans to have a year filled with progress this year for students as well as faculty and staff.

Student Senate President Emily Dix explains in simple words that the goal of Student Senate is to simply serve the students on campus as well as off campus.

"The over-arching goal for Student Senate is to make sure we are aware of any student issues," Dix said. "We

want to keep students aware and free to voice their opinions on things such as the UM system merger and be able to voice their opinion."

Student Senate would like to know what the students think about campus issues and productivity on campus. Student Senate devised a system where students can comment on their performance or on what they would like to see changed in Student Senate and on campus.

"On our Web site we have a comment card system. We would love to

know what issues the students are facing," Dix said. "The students don't even have to sign their name. They can sign it anonymously. They are also welcome to come sit in senate meetings."

The first event that student senate is sponsoring is a student-faculty forum next Thursday Sept. 18, in the J. W. Jones Student Union.

"President Dean Hubbard, Vice President of Student Affairs Kent Porterfield as well as myself, will be present at the open discussion pertain-

ing to questions about the merger. We want to make students and faculty aware of issues and grant them the opportunity to ask questions," Dix said.

Student Senate has big plans for this school year, and plans to fulfill the needs of its students here at Northwest.

"Student Senate is here to represent all students," Dix said. "We hope that all students feel free and are welcome to come join us in our meetings."

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## Athletic director Boerigter stands by the way things are done at Northwest

Clemons went to the College of Southern Idaho, which is where Boerigter worked for a short period.

"He had three weeks to make up an academic deficiency, and he didn't do squat in those three weeks," Boerigter said. "Finally, I met with him, and he said, 'CSI usually takes care of those things.'"

Boerigter looks toward the future with confidence.

But through it all, Boerigter is confident Northwest is doing things the right way.

"I think the Board of Regents has made it clear to (President Dean Hubbard), the president has made it clear to me, and I've made it clear to the coaches that we expect to operate within the rules, and on an open and ethical basis, and with integrity," he said.

And as the story lines from Waco and Columbia continue to emerge, Boerigter tries to remain confident.

"One bad apple doesn't spoil the whole barrel, but nonetheless, one bad apple makes you check all the other apples in the barrel."

### Family Day is around the corner



Family Day, Northwest Missouri State University's annual event that welcomes families to campus, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 20. Family Day is sponsored by the Offices of Campus Activities, Alumni Relations, Athletics and Admissions. For more information, please call (660) 562-1226.



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# Unusual Energy

Using cardboard and paper to create steam, a ground-breaking program saves the University thousands of dollars every year.

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## POOP FOR POWER

University's woodchip energy program will soon add animal waste

By AARON BAILEY  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Residence halls around campus will soon be air-conditioned by animal manure.

In six to 12 months, the University will integrate a new form of alternative energy in the form of animal waste.

"We're in the process of working on a blend most conducive for making (an animal waste) pellet," said Arley Larson, associate professor of agriculture.

The technology for the use of animal manure as energy has been around for years. Due to technological design flaws at the University's farms, limited staff and a slow process of obtaining permits from the Department for Natural Resources, the integration has been slow, according to Ray Courter, vice president of Finance.

In spite of these limitations, the University has implemented an alternative energy program that is one of a kind. Wood chips and paper pellets are turned into energy.

"We're probably the only (university) on the North American continent with a program like this," Courter said. "There are probably others, but on a much smaller scale."

About 80 percent of Northwest's power needs are met by using alternative energy.

"The No. 1 goal is to have reduced energy costs

compared to the mainstream approach for energy, such as coal or natural gas," Courter said.

According to Courter, the alternative energy project is projected to save the University around \$500,000 this year and a total of around \$7 million dollars since the program has been in place.

The savings are calculated by comparing what is spent on pelletizing the paper to the cost of natural gas.

The University's power plant burns both timber byproduct and recycled paper to create steam that is used to cool and heat the entire campus, as opposed to using natural gas.

The timber byproduct, or wood chips, are shipped from all over the northwest Missouri area from various industries, such as saw mills and furniture manufacturers.

Recycled paper from both the campus and the city of Maryville is "pelletized" or condensed into chalk-sized bits at the peller plant located just north of Donaldson's Sport Complex. The paper pellets are then shipped to the power plant, located north of Wells Hall, to be burned.

So, instead of paying a vendor to haul off the recycled paper, as the University does with its plastic and glass, it's dealt with on campus to save money.

The University is also looking to incorporate the alternative energy project into the classroom.

"There's just so much of this that is teachable," Courter said.

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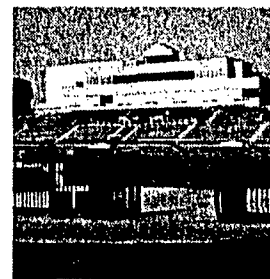
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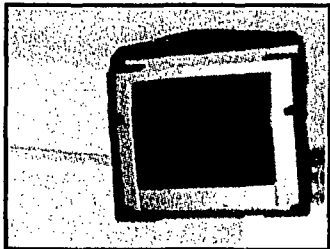


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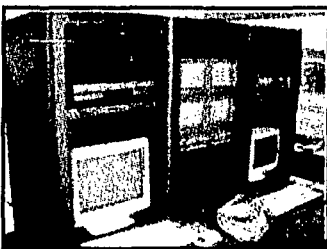
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Construction on the west grandstand of Rickenbrode Stadium began with the leveling of the old grandstand in May of 2002. Now, one of the oldest stadiums in Division II has become one of the premiere state-of-the-art facilities.



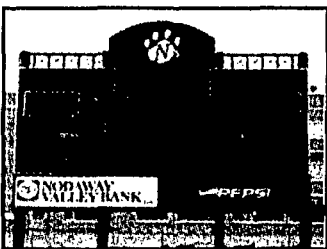
Televisions

These 25-inch monitors will feature campus cable and can be switched to play of the on-going game on the field in front of those in the press box.



Video control board

This two-computer system will be used to showcase the game and instant replay on the video scoreboard. It takes just one computer to power the videoboard.



'Cat Vision

This will have the fan's attention between plays. Not only does it have the traditional scoreboard, but it features a video screen for play-by-play and instant replays of the games.



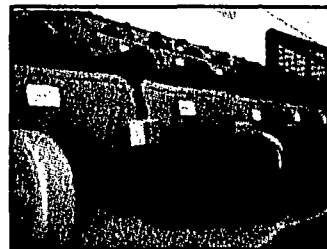
The President's suite

The Presidents' Suite seats 24, including Northwest president Dean Hubbard himself. The 50-yard line view is equipped with its own bathroom as are all the suites.



Dean Hubbard's view

The 50-yard view from the President's Suite is not the only good view from the stadium.



A comfortable setting

302 chair back seats occupy the top center half of the west grandstand. To purchase one of these, one must be a season-ticket holder and a donor to Northwest. They are sold out.

## One of the oldest stadiums becomes one of the most state-of-the-art facilities in Division II

By COLE YOUNG  
SPORTS EDITOR

Sitting in any of the 10 private suites at Rickenbrode stadium, it takes a moment to realize that this is the same spot that less than a year ago housed temporary bleachers along with a makeshift press box.

All signs of those are gone now though, and the \$5 million renovation has been all but completed, creating a stadium that favorably compares to any stadium in the MIAA or Division II football. (The athletic department is really excited about the new

stadium," assistant athletic director Mark Clements said. "Not very often do you get an opportunity to see a renovation of this size."

One of the main changes to the stadium this season is the addition of 3,000 outdoor seats. No longer will fans be forced to stand for games like last season's march against Central Missouri State University.

The press box is another major thing changed by the renovations. Gone are the days of reporters being cramped into a small space. The Northwest Cellular Press Suite can now house 30 members of the

media more than comfortably, and with internet access.

With all the changes, there is one concern members of the athletic department have with Saturday's opening.

"We are trying to figure out some traffic patterns with fans coming into the game," Clements said. "With the Sprint Fan Zone being in College Park, we don't know how people are going to come in and out. We just want people to come out to the game."

Even though the athletic department does not want to tell anyone any certain way to come

in, they did have one request.

"We would like for our reserved ticket holders to come in on the west side," Clement said. "I think they will get the flavor and the excitement of the new stadium when they walk in and see the field on the way to their seats."

A change for all students this year is the way that they enter the game. Last season students simply had to show their identification at the gate to get in. This season fans need to go to the ticket booth, have their identification run through the ticket machine, and then, a ticket will be issued, free of charge.

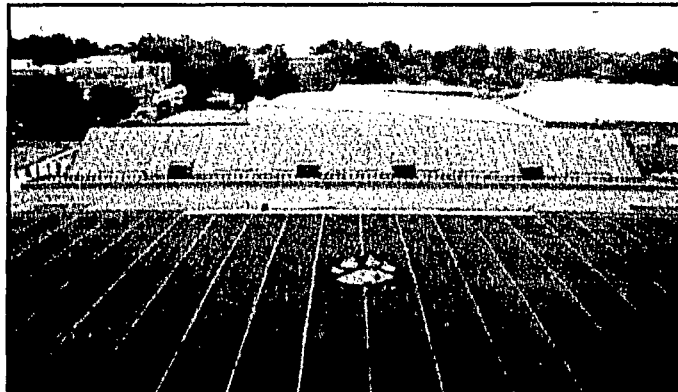


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Camera operators are going to have the highest seats in the house with this view from atop the press box. It is said to be the highest reachable point in town.

## COMEBACK 'CATS: Team scores three goals in final half for MIAA win

### Northwest defeats Blues despite trailing at half

By COLE YOUNG  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first 65 minutes of yesterday's home opener for the Northwest soccer team, it appeared that Washburn might get its first conference win as a new program.

Then a combination of freshmen and wind took over. After playing the first half of the game into a stiff southerly wind, Northwest trailed the Lady

Blues 1-0.

With the wind at their backs though, the Bearcats controlled the pitch on their way to a 3-1 win.

The first Bearcat to get on the board was freshman Beth Gutschentritter who scored a goal in the 65th minute to tie the game.

Nine minutes later, Emily Perkins put another ball in the net for what would be the game-winning goal. Before the Blues could recover, Becky Marston

added another goal to close the scoring column.

"I was just glad to get it going," Gutschentritter said. "The goal gave us a little bit of confidence."

Early in the game, Northwest had their chances to score, but with the strong wind in their face they had trouble getting any power behind their shots.

Once the Bearcats adjusted to the wind in the second half, they allowed Washburn across midfield less than 10 times.

"In the first half, our performance was shaky, just like the wind," head coach Tracey Cross said. "In the second half, the



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

thing that changed us around was we got a little more compact and had better possessions." Aside from the win, Cross felt like the play of the freshmen stood out. The first two goals scored in the game were by freshmen. In addition to the scoring, freshman goalkeeper Alison Sheridan allowed only one goal.

"It's nice to see them go up there and take a shot," Cross said. "It's great to see them take on the leadership roles on the field."

## 'Hounds hope offense wears down Oak Grove defense Friday night

### Rushing attack is key in Maryville's strategy as they hit the road

By CLARK GRELL  
DESIGN EDITOR

Maryville football head coach John Pelzer would not mind seeing a repeat of last week's game Friday night.

That would be keeping the game close until the second half and running the ball and wearing the opposing team down.

Then again, Pelzer would not

### Game 2

Maryville Spoofhounds (1-0)  
at  
Oak Grove Panthers (1-0)

Where: Oak Grove High School  
Kickoff: 7 p.m.  
Bottom line: The 'Hounds take their game to the road, where they finished 4-0 last season.

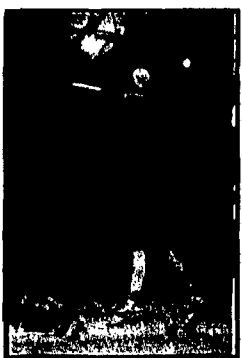
mind getting an early jump on Oak Grove High School, the 'Hounds' opponent this week. "I feel (Please see 'Pelzer' page 2B)

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### Northwest volleyball

The Bearcats suffered three losses this past weekend in South Dakota, but turn to page 3B to find out why head coach Lori Dejongh-Slight and the team are not bothered by that.



### Maryville soccer

A strong second half helped the 'Hounds overcome Benton Tuesday. For a breakdown of the game and head coach Stuart Collin's comments, turn to page 3B.



### Northwest football

It has not happened since 1996, but it did Saturday in Brookings, S.D. The Bearcats were shut out by South Dakota State, 20-0. Turn to page 2B to find out what foiled the Bearcats.

## Bearcats turn focus to Mankato, trick plays

No. 18 'Cats hope to pick up first win of young season

By COLE YOUNG  
SPORTS EDITOR

If the dedication of Rickenbrode Stadium wasn't reason enough to get the Bearcats excited for the home opener on Saturday, they have plenty of reasons now.

After dropping their season opener to South Dakota State University 20-0, the Bearcats are turning their focus toward trying to rebound from their first shut-out in 80 games and avoid their first 0-2 start since 1995.

Their opponent, University of Minnesota-Mankato, plans on bringing a plethora of formations and tactics in hopes of handing the Bearcats their second loss.

If the Mavericks can throw a weird formation at the Bearcats, they plan to. In the past, the Mavericks have tried such things as five wide receiver sets and the swinging gate—a formation that puts the quarterback and center on one side of the field while the rest of the team lines up on the opposite side.

The element of surprise seems to be what Mankato head coach Clarence Holley is going for, but Northwest head coach Mel Tjeerdsma does not seem fooled.

"A trick play really isn't any good if there is no surprise to it," Tjeerdsma said. An ornate offense is not the only thing Mankato brings to the table. The Mavericks' defense brings the same type of surprise plays that the offense does.

"Defensively, they give you lots of different looks," Tjeerdsma said. "Last year, they had people moving before the snap of the ball. They will do a lot of that again. It's one of those things where you know they are going to make some plays, but, at the same time, you know you are going to make plays, too. You just have to make a lot more plays than they do."

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for more on this weekend's game and a summary of last Saturday's game.





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At South Dakota State Minn.-St. Mankato  
Coughlin-Alumni Sta- Rickenbrode Stadium,  
dium, 7 p.m. 1 p.m.

Sept. 13



Sept. 20

Central Mo. State  
Rickenbrode Stadium,  
1 p.m.

Sept. 27

At Missouri-Rolla  
Allgood-Bailey Stadium,  
6:30 p.m.

Oct. 4

Washburn  
Rickenbrode Stadium,  
1 p.m.

Oct. 11

At Emporia State  
Welch Stadium,  
2 p.m.

Oct. 18

Missouri Southern  
Rickenbrode Stadium,  
1 p.m.

Oct. 25

At Missouri Western  
Spratt Stadium,  
1 p.m.

Nov. 1

Truman State  
Rickenbrode Stadium,  
1 p.m.

Nov. 8

Southwest Baptist  
Rickenbrode Stadium,  
1 p.m.

Nov. 15

vs. Pittsburg State  
Fall Classic at  
Arrowhead, 2 p.m.

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**Pelzer: 'I expect this to be a hard-fought game'**

a lot better if we're up 28 points at halftime," he said. "But I always feel, if it is close at halftime, then we've got a great chance to win because of the factor of fresh guys against tired guys."

That's exactly what the 'Hounds did last Friday against Glenwood, Iowa. They kept the game close (6-3 after the third quarter) and then rattled off 23 fourth quarter points for the 29-3 win.

Pelzer said Oak Grove has about eight players that play both sides of the ball, which could play into the 'Hounds' hands.

"One big difference is they are playing some kids both ways," he said. "I'm hoping we keep the game close, and our conditioning should win out in the second half."

To do that, the 'Hounds will expect another big game from senior running backs Bryce Buholt and Brant Gregg. Both players combined to rush for more than 200 yards last year in Maryville's 33-6 win over Oak Grove in the 'Hound Pound.

Some thought it was surprising that

the 'Hounds won so comfortably against the Panthers, and they are not expecting the same thing this year.

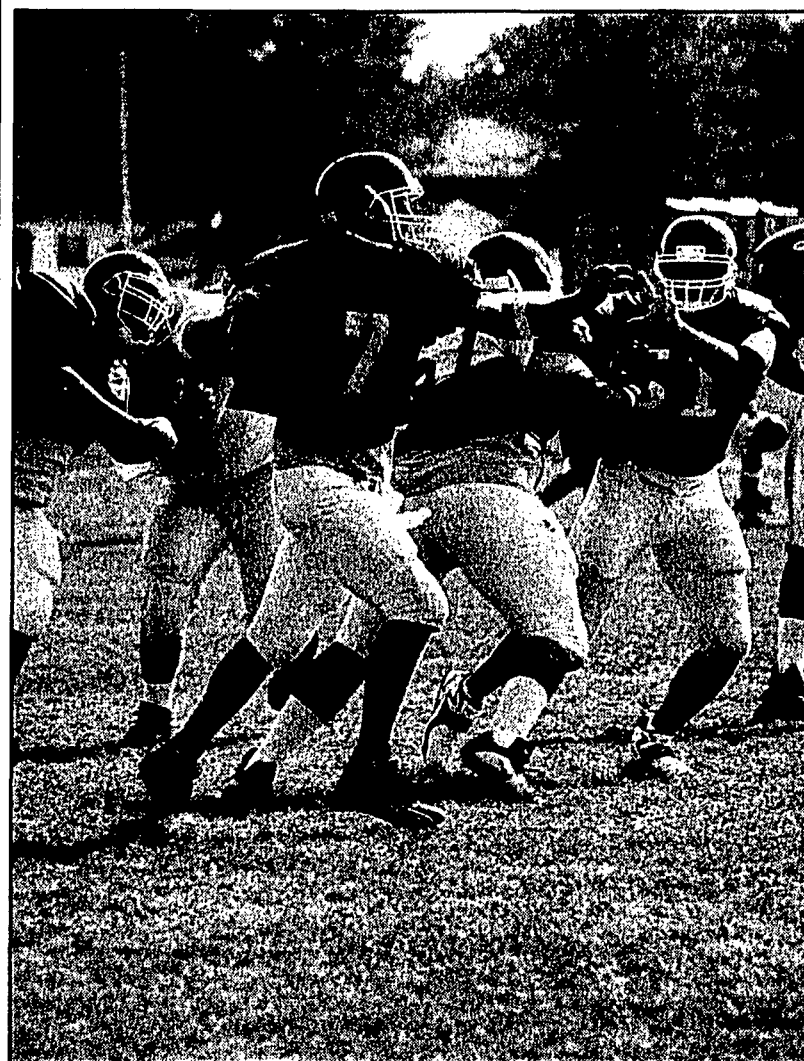
"Every time we approach a team, it's like they're a brand new team," junior defensive end Keith Starr said. "We don't even look at last year because they are a whole new team."

A solid win over Glenwood last week did not go without concerns. The 'Hounds were hampered with first half turnovers and penalties throughout the game, something that Pelzer wants improved.

"(Oak Grove) is a winnable game if we go in there with the right mindset and execute and cut down on our mistakes," he said.

The 'Hounds will likely deal with a solid passing game from Oak Grove. The Panthers are more of an I-formation team, running wrap-around draws, trip and trap plays.

"They do some things pretty well," Pelzer said. "So, I imagine they will be ready for us."



Starting quarterback T.J. Mandl goes through the paces during a preseason practice. Mandl started last week against South Dakota State and head coach Mel Tjeerdsma announced Mandl will start in the home opener against Minnesota-Mankato on Saturday.

**0-No; Bearcats shutout**By COLE YOUNG  
SPORTS EDITOR

The last time Northwest ended a game with one of these, starting quarterback T.J. Mandl was a high school sophomore.

The Bearcats were shut out for the first time since November 16, 1996, when Pittsburg State University beat them 40-0.

Northwest had their chances to score in their 20-0 loss to South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D.

In the second half, Northwest was given eight chances to score inside the SDSU 10-yard line but failed to convert on every try.

"We showed signs the whole night that we have spark in the offense," said senior center Geoff Bollinger. "We can move the ball on a good defense. Finishing the drives is the key. The previous Northwest squads have had good goal-line squads. That is something we need to work on."

After both teams stalled on their first offensive series, Mandl fumbled on a run inside the SDSU ten with under five minutes to go in the first quarter.

"I was carrying it with one hand," Mandl said. "I probably should have covered it up with two. The guy came from behind me and knocked it out."

The Jacks capitalized on the fumble by driving 85 yards in six plays, culminating in a 32-yard strike from quarterback Brad Nelson to receiver Josh Davis.

The following play from scrimmage, Northwest fullback Mitch Herring put the ball on the ground.

It took just one play for Nelson to connect on a play-action pass to Solomon Johnson from 45 yards out.

Before Northwest could escape the first half, a Mandl pass found SDSU linebacker Marty Kranz.

With under 20 seconds to go in the half, the 'Jacks had a chance to put the Bearcats out of the game, but Davis dropped a pass in the end zone to put SDSU up by three touchdowns.

Instead, the Jacks had to settle for a field goal to put SDSU ahead 17-0 going into the break.

SDSU would put another field goal through the uprights late to finish the game with a 20-0 win.

"We've got to solve our problems," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "We can't worry about anyone else. We have to respect the guys we are playing. I felt like we had a total lack of respect. Not that we thought those guys were bad, but we thought we were going to come up here and beat these guys."

**AROUND THE MIAA**

Last Week  
Colorado Mines 28 UMR 7;  
SBU 48 Kentucky Wesleyan 7;  
Winona St. 49 Truman 13;  
MWSC 24 Benedictine 3;  
ESU 31 Fort Hayes St. 21;  
Pitt St. 56 Lincoln 0;  
Washburn 28 Langston 0

This Week  
September 11  
Langston @ CMSU 7 p.m.

September 13  
Missouri-Rolla @ Drake 1 p.m.  
Central Oklahoma @ SBU 6 p.m.  
Fort Hays St. @ Washburn 6 p.m.  
Northeastern St. @ Mo. Southern 6 p.m.  
East Central Okla. @ Emporia St. 7 p.m.  
St. Cloud St. @ Pitt St. 7 p.m.  
Truman St. @ Ill. St. 7 p.m.

**INJURY REPORT**

Josh Honey (DE): Probable this week after injuring his thumb against SDSU.

Steve Morrison (S): Out for the season with knee injury.

Dave Tollefson (DE): Out this week with foot injury.

John Edmonds (LB): Probable this week after getting mild concussion in season opener.

Josh Lamberson (QB): Probable after injuring jaw in fourth quarter against SDSU.

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**'Cats and Mavs will battle for first win**

In order for Northwest to beat Mankato, they are going to have to take advantage of the Mavericks less-than-stellar rushing defense. In their first two games, Mankato has allowed an average of 156 yards per game on the ground.

In the season opener, the Bearcats rushed for 90 yards total. Shon Wells led the Bearcats with 56 yards on 17 carries. The more glaring problem for Northwest, though, was their inability to score inside the red zone. Against SDSU, Northwest had eight tries inside the Jacks' 10-yard line and were unable to score on any of them.

In addition to the improvements in the red zone, Tjeerdsma has another area the Bearcats need to improve.

The other thing that has caused some fans concern is who will be the starting quarterback. According to Tjeerdsma, Mandl will be the man to start again for the Bearcats in their home opener.

"I think T.J. played well this



Mankato St. Mavericks (0-2)  
at  
Northwest Bearcats (0-1)

Where: Rickenbrode  
Kickoff: 1 p.m.  
Surface: Grass  
Series: Mankato leads 9-5-0  
Radio: KXCV (90.5 FM), KRNV (88.9 FM), KNIM (1580 AM, 97.1 FM), KAN (99.5 FM), KCLX (1140 AM).

weekend. We had three turnovers, but we have had a lot more turnovers than that in a game before. More than anything else, we need a sense of urgency for this week's game," he said. "That will correct most of the mistakes we had."

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308.0	Passing Defense	246.0
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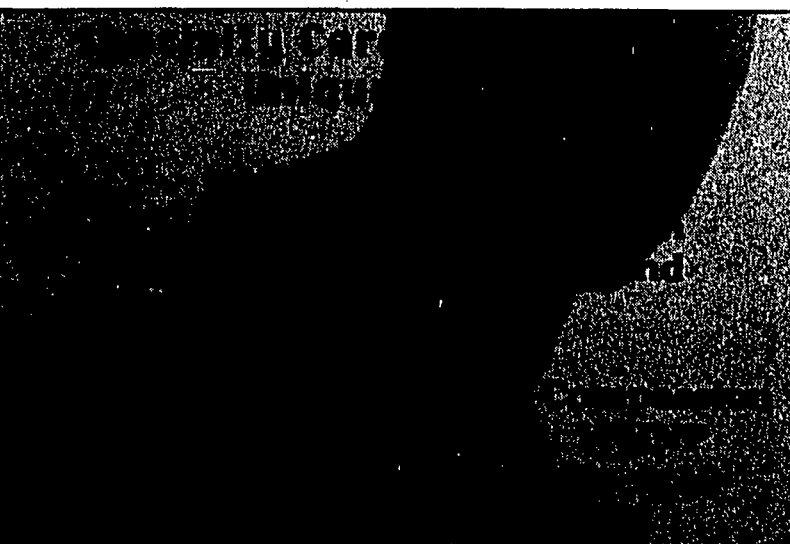
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Travis Smith makes a move on a Benton defender in Tuesday's Midland Empire Conference match. The 'Hounds came from behind in the second half to pick up a 3-2 win. Smith scored a goal at the 10-minute mark.

## 'Hounds earn 3-2 win over Benton

BY JEROME BOETTCHER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Down 2-1 at halftime against conference rival Benton, Maryville head coach Stuart Collins told his team to play the only way they knew how.

"I told them that we needed to play Spoofhound soccer," Collins said. "That means short touch passes, control the ball, and make sure we communicate."

Halfway through the second half, the 'Hounds tied it up. Junior captain Nic Zweifel switched it from left to right, and it rolled through the net.

"About 12 minutes into the second half, we started doing what I asked," Collins said. "They all settled down and finally played the game."

The 'Hounds then held on in order to put the game into overtime, despite not capitalizing on chances to score.

Sophomore Clay Ferguson scored the game winner minutes into overtime when a hand ball was not called on the Cardinals and the ball was passed over to Ferguson.

Ferguson was wide open and shot the

ball past the Benton goalie into the right corner of the net to win the game 3-2.

"(The call) could have changed the outcome of the game, but the wind was on our side, and these guys were hungry," Collins added.

The 'Hounds had scored ten minutes into the game on a floater by senior captain Travis Smith that landed in the right side of the goal. But then, a miscommunication ten minutes later changed the momentum and allowed the Cardinals to get into the game.

"We whiffed the ball, and the communication wasn't good enough," Collins said.

'Hounds sophomore goalie Ky Hill, who was appearing in net for the first time this season, came out to get the ball but miscommunicated with his defense. The ball was kicked right by him by Benton's Tim Brown.

Then later in the half Benton struck again, this time with a shot by Andrew Fischer that hit off the bottom of the crossbar and went in behind Hill.

Collins put Hill in goal for the first time this season after junior Brian Donnelly was the goalkeeper in the first two games during the Liberty

Tournament.

"Ky

showed us that he can play it for us, and that gave us more options," Collins said.

Collins said that Hill will probably be the goalie for a while. He also was very pleased with his midfield.

"Our midfielders held us together until the team came together," Collins said.

The team is now 1-2. They lost their first two games to O'Hara and Raytown South, 7-1 and 6-0, respectively.

Collins said that the team was unprepared in both cases and that it was a learning experience. They will play Benton again in the Excelsior Tournament on Thursday.

"The win is huge because you're halfway to making your season level," Collins said. "On a scale of one to ten, I would give them a five because they really didn't get into gear until the second half, but I'm pleased with the win."



'Hounds soccer

### FAN PLAN

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest football			Minnesota-Mankato 1 p.m.				
Northwest volleyball			UNO Tourney				
Northwest cross country			Mule Run 10 a.m.				
Northwest soccer				Graceland 2 p.m.			CMSU 7 p.m.
Maryville football		Oak Grove 7 p.m.					
Maryville volleyball	Platte County 5 p.m.					Benton 5 p.m.	
Maryville boys' soccer	Excelsior Tournament		Excelsior Tournament			Smithville 4:30 p.m.	
Maryville softball	Benton 4:30 p.m.	Cameron Tourney				Chillicothe 4:30 p.m.	

■ GAME TO WATCH: Northwest football opens its home schedule on Saturday against Minnesota-Mankato. If it's not enough for the Bearcats to get excited for the new and improved Rickenbrode Stadium, they are coming off a 20-0 loss.

□ Home games

## Losses have no effect on spikers' confidence

By CLARK GRELL  
DESIGN EDITOR

Not even a night of losses can keep the Bearcats down.

After falling to South Dakota State and National American University last Friday, at a tournament in Brookings, S.D., the Northwest volleyball team headed back to the hotel and refocused for the following day.

"Friday night, we went back to the hotel and spent an hour as a team, enjoying each other's company," head coach Lori DeJongh-Slight said. "We had 15 kids in the room with us coaches laughing and having a good time talking about what we need to do to get better."

The host-team Jackrabbits won in three sets over the Bearcats, 30-24, 30-19, 30-22 and that was followed by a three-set loss to National American, 30-15, 30-26, 30-12.

Freshman outside hitter Sarah Trowbridge and junior middle hitter Steph Suntken combined for 24 kills

in a losing effort to the Jackrabbits.

It has been play like that and the contributions of an entire team that have lead Slight enjoying going to practice every day.

"In the long run, we may not be in the top two or three in the conference this year but we are going to have a lot of fun getting there," Slight said.

Day two was not any better for the Bearcats though. They suffered three-set losses to St. Cloud State and Concordia University.

Despite the team's 2-6 mark and another tournament this weekend featuring Top 25 teams, the team is still confident about their upcoming opportunities.

"I think you have to look at it in a way of preparation," freshman Amy D'Amato said. "This is what we need to do to prepare. I'd much rather take losses and know that we have a chance to win later in the season when it counts."

Maybe the brightest spot of the 2-6 record is the play of the freshman

class.

Freshman lead the team statistically after 10 games.

Trowbridge leads the team in kills (92),

assists (311) and digs (86). Fellow freshman outside hitter MacKenzie Heston leads the team in blocks (0.71 per game).

Slight said the play of the freshmen has been outstanding, especially against some of the country's top teams.

"A couple of freshmen will come out, and they don't care who they play," she said. "They are getting kills and running the offense and are having fun."

The team takes part in the North Central Region Challenge this weekend in Omaha, Neb. Following that, the Bearcats start conference action at home against Emporia State at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bearcat Arena.



Bearcats volleyball

## 'Hounds win at Fairfax, drop match to Tarkio

By ANDY TIMKO  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville High School volleyball team failed to their winning ways against Tarkio Tuesday.

"I don't know what the girls were thinking coming into tonight," head coach Heather Stoecklein said. "We didn't play as well as we did in the Fairfax tournament."

Over the weekend, the 'Hounds played in the Fairfax tournament and squashed the competition to win the championship.

The 'Hounds played matches against Fairfax and Lafayette, winning both easily in two games a piece. They then went on to beat Essex (Iowa) in two games (25-22, 25-18) for the championship and a 6-0 record.

"It was a very long day, but the girls played very well," Stoecklein said of the tournament.

Tuesday's match against Tarkio,

however, proved to be more difficult than the 'Hounds anticipated.

"I think we came in thinking it was an easy win," senior Brittney Loch said. "We didn't play well, we didn't communicate, and we didn't play as a team."

Things looked like they were going to start out well for the 'Hounds when they took a quick lead over the Indians. After a couple of miscues and a controversial call by the officials, Maryville was losing by three, in the 26-24 loss.

"Coach tried to motivate us during the timeouts," Loch said. "We just didn't play to our potential."

In the second game, the 'Hounds again took a quick lead and led most of the way. Again, a couple of controversial calls came into play, and Maryville lost their momentum for the second time.

"You can't put the game on the officials' shoulders; they are humans just like us, and mistakes are made

every now and then,"

Stoecklein said. "Plus, we missed some serves towards the end, and that hurt us."

Another factor that hurt the team was the absence of sophomore Kim Wolfer who was out of the match because of the flu.

"We'll have to learn from our mistakes," Stoecklein said. "Tomorrow is another day, and we'll just have to do our best to prepare for our next match."

Going into Tuesday's match against the Indians, Kim Wolfer was leading the 'Hounds in kills with 36, Jaylene Dredge was leading in assists with 91, and Mallory Herring was leading in blocks with 11.



'Hounds volleyball

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Penn St. vs. Nebraska	UN 35-21	PSU 2-0	UN 20-6	UN 41-14	UN 20-13	UN 21-7
Iowa vs. Iowa St.	UI 52-38	UI 17-0	UI 36-26	ISU 22-17	UI 35-19	UI 28-14
Michigan vs. Notre Dame	UM 38-16	UM 34-0	UM 31-23	UM 38-16	UM 31-20	ND 17-14
Chiefs vs. Steelers	KC 35-21	KC 16-14	PIT 34-27	KC 34-26	PIT 30-21	KC 31-28
Titans vs. Colts	TN 17-10	TN 13-10	TN 25-9	IN 24-21	TN 28-20	IN 17-14
Maryville vs. Oak Grove	OG 28-24	MHS 24-23	MHS 14-6	MHS 26-7	MHS 35-28	MHS 14-7
Season (Last Week)	25-7 (13-3)	29-3 (13-3)	20-12 (8-8)	22-10 (11-5)	23-9 (11-5)	25-7 (11-5)

### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Softball places third

The Maryville softball team placed third over the weekend in the Auburn (Neb.) tournament.

In the opener, Maryville defeated Falls City 12-0. Elizabeth Baker was the winning pitcher.

Baker tossed four hitless innings in the win.

In the semifinals, the 'Hounds fell to Omaha Mercy. Sarah Scott got the loss after throwing seven innings and allowing four runs, all earned. Maryville fell 4-2.

In the third-place game, Maryville soundly defeated Thayer 12-0. Baker

threw another shutout in the final game of the day. Her record is now at 5-0.

Maryville improved their record to 8-2 over the weekend. They are back in action today at 5 p.m. on the road against Jefferson. Monday, they are at home against Benton.

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Oct. 4	Washburn	1 pm
Oct. 11	at Emporia State	2 pm
Oct. 18	Missouri Southern Homecoming	1 pm
Oct. 25	at Missouri Western	1 pm
Nov. 1	Truman State	1 pm
Nov. 8	Southwest Baptist	1 pm
Nov. 15	Pittsburg State	2 pm

## Your Man ponders Greek culture

Ah, the sights and sounds of September. Leaves are turning colors, the temperature is cooling off, and hundreds of freshmen girls are running around campus wearing little ribbons that set themselves apart from the rest of the campus. That's right folks. I'm talking about Fall Rush Week, a week of fun-filled bliss that will help decide the futures of many young men and women here at Northwest!

The fraternities on campus have a pretty basic way of recruiting new pledges. Open houses, where everyone is welcome, are held during the week for the guys to go meet the members and get to know the fraternity. They hang out, chat, eat and basically learn about each other. Some have invite-only events at the end of the week for the rushees that the men of the fraternity would like to have join them. Some hand out bids to join the group at these; others do this at a different time. Pretty simple, wouldn't you say? Not so much for the sororities.

Okay, so joining a sorority requires a little more time and patience. It begins with a small fee, paid at the beginning of Rush Week. Rushees get yellow ribbons and active members of the sororities are given blue ribbons. This is so they will all be able to identify one another throughout the week since they are not allowed to speak to one another outside of rush events. The rushees are divided into groups and assigned a Gamma Chi, who will lead them through their journey of self-discovery. Their pictures are taken and given to the sororities so the dissection process can begin. The



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girls are required to attend all events, including a tea and many rush parties. This is the only time they are allowed to speak to the active members, so words must be wisely chosen. The last day of rush, the girls attend their preferred sororities' parties. Then comes bid day.

Bid Day: sitting in a crowded room waiting for your turn to open an envelope and see if you have been accepted into the group you think is the best for you. Then you get pictures, shirts, presents and many new friends with whom you can share your life. But is this really the right choice for everyone?

Perhaps some people feel the need to join a Greek organization in order to fit in. These people are probably the ones in high school who were always part of the in crowd but were not the most popular people. These were the people who drove their friends around, bought the drinks and snacks when they went out and were generally used continuously by their friends. They wanted to fit in so badly that they

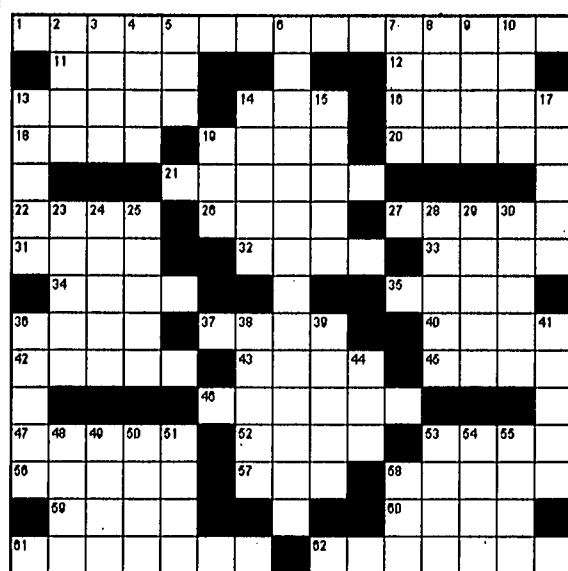
would do anything for anyone to belong. Thus, they come to college, join a Greek group and suddenly have a bunch of friends surrounding them. All this for the low cost of yearly national and chapter dues, which vary from group to group.

Now don't get me wrong. There are some good points to these organizations. For example, they do provide many leadership opportunities for many people. Each group has philanthropies with which they work every year to improve people's lives. Many of the sororities appear to have a fitness program for their members because none of them are any bigger than Your Man's thumb. There is also a minimum GPA requirement to be in a Greek organization. That's right, if you want to go Greek, you must maintain a 2.5 GPA (which equals out to a C+ average for those of you who may not be very good at math). There is one sorority which only requires a 2.25, so for you ladies who can't quite keep up with the demands of college, you may still be in luck. But watch out for this group—they'll kick you out if you don't like cows.

So, ladies and gentlemen, you can pretty much tell what Your Man thinks of the Greek Life system here at Northwest: it's a great way to buy—I mean make—new friends. It does have its perks for those of you who need them. But for the rest of us, I think we can get enough perks from the local coffee shop.

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### WEEKLY CROSSWORD



#### ACROSS

1. Carolina allspice  
11. Christmas  
12. Period of time  
13. Diving bird  
14. Sparse fluid  
16. Applying  
18. Lets head fall wearily  
19. Mature male European red deer  
20. Rigid  
21. Operating by valves  
22. Jerk  
26. Inheritor  
27. Hidden  
31. Make healthy  
32. Paving stone  
33. Jump

34. N Italian town  
35. Retained  
36. Process of combustion  
37. Gammy  
40. Musical staff sign  
42. Cutting  
43. Pickle  
45. Ancient Middle Eastern seaport  
46. Filament  
47. Doctor's replacement  
52. Drunken revelry  
53. English university benefactor  
56. Band leader  
57. Bashful  
58. High building  
59. Ardor  
60. Distinc-

tive quality  
61. Danger sign  
62. Soothing to the mind  
**DOWN**  
2. Novice  
3. Regretted  
4. White garments  
5. Very small  
6. Device for looking back  
7. Close  
8. Flexible tube  
9. Undoing  
10. Vases  
13. Grind together  
14. Strong winds  
15. Begin  
17. Outfit  
19. Interjection

23. Spiral  
24. New Zealand aboriginal  
25. Ancient  
28. Choose  
29. Answer  
30. Tryster  
36. Does not succeed  
38. Concerned with a specific subject  
39. Mournful poem  
41. Abnormal body temperature  
44. Put down  
48. Exude slowly  
49. Prompted  
50. Flying fighters  
51. Public walk  
53. You would  
54. Askew  
55. Incline  
58. Rational basis of activity

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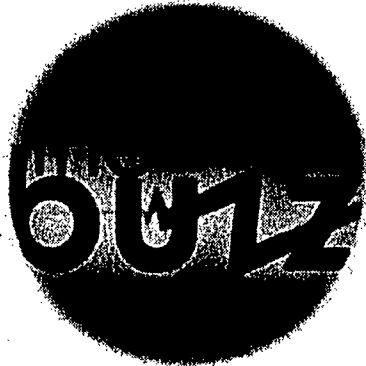
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Sept. 12 Margaret Cho  
Uptown Theatre

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the World  
The Hurricane

Sept. 17 R.E.M.  
Starlight Theatre

#### Des Moines

Sept. 11 Big Tasty  
House of Bricks

Sept. 25 Hatebreed  
Beaumont Club

Sept. 18 Sweet Potato Project  
Mulligan's

Sept. 29 The Fever  
Vaudeville Mews

#### Omaha

Sept. 12 Cake  
Creighton University

Sept. 24 Ted Nugent  
Meca

Sept. 19 Grasshopper Takeover  
Howard Street Tavern

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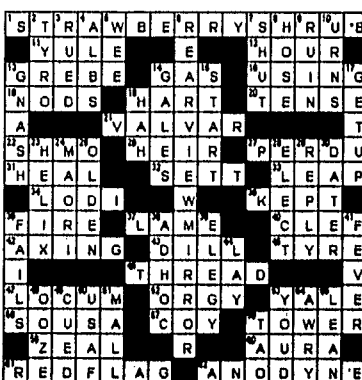
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